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* 24 *Q*.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it was decided in the National Development Council meeting held during April 1959 that each State should take appropriate steps to control the retail price of rice; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The National Development Council expressed the view that normally control of wholesale trade by the State might suffice for keeping the retail prices under control. They however, agreed that if any State Government thought it desirable to control retail prices, they might take necessary action.

(*b*) The need for fixing statutory retail price for rice has not yet been considered.

* 25 *Q*.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have suggested during the National Development Council meeting held during April 1959 for setting up of a Finance Corporation for running State Trading in rice?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : This Government suggested the setting up of a State Trading Foodgrains Corporation in each State, while offering remarks on the draft scheme of State Trading in Foodgrains, forwarded by the Government of India. The draft scheme and the remarks of the various State Governments thereon was considered at the meeting of the National Development Council held during April 1959.

* 26 *Q*.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the working group constituted by the Government of India for State Trading has recommended the maintenance of price levels which are fair to consumer and producer as the primary objective of State trading in foodgrains;

(*b*) whether the Government have examined this recommendation; and

(*c*) if so, the steps taken by the Government on the same?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The recommendations are still under examination by the Government of India.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (*b*) above.

* 27 *Q*.—Sri P. G. MANICKAM and Sri A. RASHEED : கனம் உள்விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) சென்னை ராஜ்யத்துக்கு 1958–59, 1959–60-ம் வருடங்களில் எத்தனை டன் அரிசி சப்ளை செய்யப்படவேண்டுமென்று சென்னை சர்க்கார் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரிவித்தனர் ?

(ஆ) மேற்கண்ட ஒவ்வொரு வருடமும் எத்தனை டன் அரிசி மத்திய சர்க்காரால் சப்ளை செய்யப்பட்டது ?